



Offshore Development Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Date: 08/09/2011

Start Time: 10:00 am

End Time: 11:20 am

Meeting Method: Go-to-Meeting

Attendance: Phil Fernandez (Chair), Fiona Langenberger, Suzanne Shriner, Melanie Bondera, Neil Sims, Robin Kaye, Benny Ron, Peggy Bond, Thorne Abbott, Ron Baird, Eric Kingma, Sarah Courbis, Justin Viezbicke, Malia Chow, Joseph Paulin, Jean Souza

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General Discussion

- When developing recommendations, the working group should think about the big picture, what could happen over the next 10-20 years - don't be too specific, create guideline for sanctuary to use in the future.
- Thanks to all who helped putting all the documents together, and thank to Phil in particular for all the work he has done for the entire group.

Discussion regarding Document 1 ODWG INTRO

- This document is to lay out the foundation of where the working group is coming from. Working group meetings should not be used to wordsmith, but look at the tone and make sure we are going in the right direction. Ensure that the documents make sense from a conceptual level
- (Number 7) Aquaponics are excluded because it's terrestrial. Discussion about excluding or including fishponds - Phil will be working with Walter Ritte and Kehau Watson on this. Native Hawaiian working group has a better understanding of this issue.
- (Number 5) Native Hawaiian Fishponds might come in this section (connection). Excluding fishponds seems a little artificial. Phil will rewrite this section to include fishponds - since fishponds are not all necessarily exclusively used by Native Hawaiians.
- Working Group Leads will come together to coordinate on Oahu on Thursday (August 11th) for a face-to-face meeting that will be focusing on overlap. More clarity on some of the overlapping issues after Thursday.
- For items 4, 5 and 6 the last sentence infers that the NMS should "concern" itself with terrestrial development and activities beyond its borders. Would it be more concise to state that "the NMS should consider the potential effects of these activities and their potential to adversely affect the resiliency and integrity of the NMS" ... and then act to mitigate those

effects even if they occur beyond NMS boundaries. => The intro document does not necessarily provide recommendations – maybe this should be included later on in the document.

- Not a final document, we can also communicate about this later on if there are any additional thoughts or comments.

Discussion regarding Document 3 Precautionary approach

- Overarching recommendations: precaution is one of the overarching thoughts.
- According to the Aquaculture Visioning Workshop, food for Hawaii comes first – document should include this (instead of “global”)
- Recognize different definitions of aquaculture. Here, it refers to open ocean aquaculture, not necessarily to fishponds.
- Might not be helpful to include specific projects/companies in this document.
- Be careful and clear what precautionary approach means – define further. Phil will rewrite to be more precise so terminology cannot be misused.
- Discussion about the first two paragraphs why or if they are necessary; In the first paragraph aquaculture is not a bad thing – only if it is managed badly. Assure by taking precaution that only good aquaculture is happening in Hawaii. “Without degrading the ecosystem, it should not be any less pristine after”

Discussion regarding Public Comment document

- Sanctuary’s participation in public comment process. Sanctuary should not only be passive
- Discussion about if sanctuary has been a passive observer (based on what SAC has done in past). Maybe should be reworded to “remain engaged”.
- We want the sanctuary to be engaged. Sanctuary should be consulted early on.
- Sanctuary should make it as clear as possible what their concerns are – upfront. Better to know where sanctuary is coming from, ahead of time.
- Recommendation should be: if there is a public opportunity, sanctuary should participate.
- Is there an obligation that the sanctuary is consulted through Section 10 (Army Corp)? Find out where in permitting process sanctuary can provide comment. Justin will look more into this.
- Be clear if sanctuary advisory council should be involved in providing feedback/recommendations (might also depend on time constraints)
- Coastal Zone Consistency Determination, provides also platform to provide comments.
- If there is anything else that you might want to include in this document, please write a paragraph and send to all to working group members to discuss.

Discussion regarding Document 2 Criteria for Evaluation potential impacts:

- Under paragraph #4. Habitat degradation: Also include habitat loss, due to physical constraints of facility (especially in high density areas). We don’t know scale of future AQ projects. Habitat Loss will be added #5
- For all 4 main bullets in this document, recommend that sanctuary develops a scale



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- d. Demo projects:
 - Sanctuary is not the place for a demonstration project because we don't know the impacts.
 - Demo projects/ research in sanctuary – different opinions about this. Hard to exclude any research from sanctuary. Small projects that don't have any major impacts to learn. Not to allow ANY research might not be feasible.
 - Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP) could be used to develop areas for “research quarter”. How can we find a mix to meet everyone's needs?
 - Also use CMSP for public outreach
 - Include as concern, maybe not specific recommendation.
 - Apart from the spatial component, also consider timing. Government versus business. Try to weave into document.
- Robin will start to develop a document for energy, based on the Aquaculture version (Document 2) that Neil had developed. Peggy will keep working on it.

Discussion regarding ODWG Energy:

- Everything on this document can have a place in the new document that Robin and Peggy will be working on. Can merge the documents, without losing anything.
- Working group can comment on the new version of this document at the next meeting. Justin will send final version of this document to Robin.

Use emails over next week to keep discussing and working on these documents.

Next meeting: 08/23/2011 at 10:00am